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TAGS: ENRG, SENV, CA

SUBJECT: FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF LEAD-FREE GASOLINE IN CANADA

REF: STATE 179478

1. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES (EMR) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT STUDY PRESENTLY UNDER WAY BY DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC) AS TO NUMBER OF RETAIL OUTLETS THAT WILL BE PROVIDING LEAD-FREE GASOLINE IN 1974.

2. EMR EXPRESSED CERTAINTY THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO LEAD-FREE SUPPLY PROBLEM IN 1974. PRESENTLY, LEAD-FREE GAS AMOUNTS TO 0.3 PERCENT OF TOTAL SALES. BY END OF 1974 THIS SHOULD RISE TO NEARLY 10 PERCENT, AN AMOUNT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO MEET EXPECTED DEMAND.

3. MAIN EMR CONCERN RELATES TO DISTRIBUTION OF LEAD-FREE SUPPLY SO AS TO ELIMINATE POSSIBLE POCKETS OF NON-AVAILABILITY TO TOURISTS. ITC STUDY SHOULD SHED LIGHT ON THIS PROBLEM.

4. WHILE EMR EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON ABILITY TO MEET DEMAND, OFFICIAL INDICATED LACK OF INFORMATION ON HOW

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MANY CARS (PARTICULARLY FROM FORD AND CHRYSLER

PRODUCTION) WILL IN FACT REQUIRE LEAD-FREE GAS.

5. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO OBTAIN COPY OF ITC STUDY UPON  
COMPLETION.  
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